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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

HON. MYRON H. THOMPSON, JUDGE AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
DATE COMMENCED OCTOBER 30, 2006 AT 10:20 A.M./P.M.
DATE COMPLETED NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AT 1:47 A.M./P.M.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
 v) CR NO 106cr101-MHT
)
MATTHEW OKONKWO)

<u>PLAINTIFF(S)/GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>APPEARANCES</u>	<u>DEFENDANT(S)</u>
AUSA Andrew O. Schiff	X X X X X	Atty Ben E. Bruner

<u>COURT OFFICIALS PRESENT:</u>		
Tashwanda Pinchback, Law Clerk	Anthony Green, Courtroom Deputy	Mitchell Reisner, Court Reporter

<u>JURORS</u>	
1. <u>John D. McCain</u>	7. <u>Sheri Fain Larimore</u>
2. <u>Anita Ballard Law</u>	8. <u>Sheila Hamrick Austin</u>
3. <u>James Eugene Wheeler</u>	9. <u>Beverly Schneider Lakin</u>
4. <u>Jumell Barker Tindol</u>	10. <u>Joanne M. Lecompte</u>
5. <u>Betty Williams House</u>	11. <u>Shirley Cobb Smith</u>
6. <u>James E. Thornton</u>	12. <u>Dorothy Klotz Bullen</u>

ALTERNATE

13. Elmer Thomas Price, Jr.

JURY SELECTION/TRIAL

10:20 a.m. Court convened.
Multiple voir dire begun (Cr Nos.2:06cr218-MHT USA v Morris;
1:06cr101-MHT, USA v Okonkwo; 2:06cr173-MHT, USA v Lawson)
Jury Selection held.
12:45 a.m. Jury seated and excused until 9:00 a.m., 10/31/06

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1:47 p.m. Trial commenced. Parties stipulation of certain documents as
exhibits as stated on the record. Witnesses (present) sworn;
Witness Rule invoked. Jury sworn. Court's preliminary
instructions to jury.

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JURY TRIAL COMMENCING ON 10/31/06 BEFORE JUDGE MYRON H. THOMPSON
CR. 1:06cr101-MHT, USA vs. MATTHEW OKONKWO

2:00 p.m. Government's opening statements (12 mins)
2:12 p.m. Defendant's opening statements (8 mins)

2:20 p.m. Government's evidence commenced.
3:30 p.m. Recess.
3:50 p.m. Government's evidence continues.
4:50 p.m. Recess until 9:00 a.m. 11/1/06

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9:28 a.m. Court reconvened. Government's evidence continues.
10:25 a.m. Government rests; Jury excused. Defendant's **ORAL MOTION** for Judgment of Acquittal. **ORAL ORDER** denying motion.
10:30 a.m. Recess.
10:55 a.m. Court reconvenes. No evidence from defendant. Defendant waives right to testify. Court finds defendant competent to waive right to testify; Court accepts waiver.
11:00 a.m. Jury excused until 12:30 p.m.; Defendant rests. Defendant's Renewed **ORAL MOTION** for Judgment of Acquittal as a Matter of Law. **ORAL ORDER** denying motion.
11:05 a.m. Recess.
11:45 a.m. Charge Conference.
12:15 p.m. Recess.
12:50 p.m. Trial continued; Government's objections to jury charge; Defendant's objections to jury charge. Court's oral ruling on objections to jury charge, as stated on the record.
1:02 p.m. Government's closing arguments (21 mins)
1:23 p.m. Defendant's closing arguments (17 mins)
1:40 p.m. Jury charged. Defendant's proposed correction to jury charge. No objections. Jury seated and advised of correction to jury charge; alternate excused.
2:15 p.m. Jury deliberations commenced.
3:25 p.m. JURY VERDICT of guilty as to all counts.
Jury polled and discharged.
Defendant adjudicated guilty; sentencing set for 1/18/07;
Defendant remanded.
3:31 p.m. Court adjourned.